



City of Somerville

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE GUIDE 2014

OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT



A Message from the Mayor

Thank you to everyone who recycled in 2013. We once again increased recycling

rates. More than 6,300 tons of recycling were picked up, meaning we recycled about 160 pounds per person. To help continue this trend, this guide provides information on recycling and yard waste services including our new electronics recycling program. You'll also find tips on how to properly dispose of hazardous and non-recyclable materials. As we work to enhance our sustainability and sanitation efforts this year, watch for news about curbside composting, uniform trash bins, and new initiatives like the Residential Rodent Control Program and the expanded use of Big Belly recycling bins citywide. In the meantime, please join us for our upcoming events like Rain Barrel day or our Annual Spring Cleanup on Saturday, April 26. I hope to see you there.

Joseph A. Curtatone, Mayor

Did You Know??

Somerville recycles more than 1,300 tons of yard waste annually. When you put your yard waste out in paper yard waste bags or marked barrels, it gets recycled into garden

compost. So don't put your leaves, grass clippings, plants, prunings, twigs and tree or bush limbs in the trash.

Recycle it!

Photo: Flickr, Jennifer Cowley

Rain Barrel Pickup Day

Sat., Apr. 12, 9–11 a.m., 1 Franey Rd.

Rainwater collection and reuse saves money on your water bill, and reduces storm water runoff responsible for flooding during heavy rains. A single rain barrel can save as much as 1,700 gallons during the summer season. Pre-order your Rain Barrel by April 5 by calling **1-800-251-2352** or visiting **www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com**. Click "Shop Local Program" and select "Somerville." Barrels cost \$69 plus tax.



Styrofoam Recycling Days

Sat., June 14, 9 a.m.–noon, 1 Franey Rd.

Sat., Sept. 13, 9 a.m.–noon, 1 Franey Rd.

Did you know that Styrofoam is **not** accepted in recycling bins because it crumbles and contaminates other recycling items? But it can still be recycled properly at our two Styrofoam Recycling Days in June and September. Bring your Styrofoam containing the recycling symbol and the number 6, such as packing blocks, clean produce and meat trays or take-out containers, hot beverage cups, foam egg cartons and white insulation sheets. No packing peanuts please!



Join In to Help Reduce Our Carbon Footprint

Somerville is committed to reducing its carbon footprint and to promoting a sustainable, healthy community well into the future.

Earlier this year, Mayor Curtatone announced a goal to reduce our net carbon emissions to zero by 2050. We've already begun reducing the city's greenhouse gas emissions through energy conservation, hybrid and electric vehicle usage, green space development, urban agriculture, providing incentives for solar panel installation and weatherization, and facilitating a shift from our reliance on cars by developing public transit and pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. We'll be working with the community to develop a full plan to reach this goal. We hope you'll join the discussion—and the effort.



Questions about trash, yard waste or recycling?

Call 311 (or 617-666-3311)

Visit www.somervillema.gov/recycling or www.somervillema.gov/trash



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DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING INFORMATION

CONTAINERS:

- Aerosol Cans (empty)
- Aluminum Cans, Trays & Foil
- Glass Bottles & Jars
- Metal Cans
- Milk Cartons & Juice Boxes
- NEW! Large Plastics (buckets, laundry baskets, toys)
- Stiff Plastic Containers
- NEW! Spiral Cans (potato chip, nut cans)



PAPERS:

- Books (rip off hard covers)
- Cardboard Boxes
- Coffee Cups (empty, no Styrofoam)
- Frozen Food Boxes (if it rips)
- Paperboard (cereal boxes, paper towel rolls)
- Phone Books & Junk Mail (remove free samples)
- Pizza Boxes (empty, no food)
- Newspapers & Inserts
- Magazines & Catalogs
- Paper Bags
- Shredded Paper (in clear plastic or a paper bag)
- White & Colored Paper (staples, paper clips, spirals OK)
- Wrapping Paper



**With zero-sort,
your recycling all
goes in one cart!**

**Mix clean containers
and papers together
in one cart.**

**Flatten or nest
cardboard boxes
when possible.**

**More info at
www.somervillema.gov/recycling**

PLEASE DO NOT PUT THESE ITEMS IN THE RECYCLING CART:

- No Trash
- No Plastic Bags
- No Styrofoam
- No Food Waste
- No Ceramics, Dishes or Glassware
- No Clothes Hangers
- No Electronics
- No Light Bulbs
- No Paint Containers
- No Paper Towels or Napkins
- No Photographs or Blueprints
- No Pots, Pans or Scrap Metal
- No Windows, Plate Glass or Mirrors
- No DVDs, CDs, VCR or Cassette Tapes



HOW TO DISPOSE OF WHITE GOODS, TVs, MATTRESSES, FURNITURE & BATTERIES:

- **White Goods** - To dispose of household appliances such as washers, dryers, refrigerators, dishwashers, ovens, air conditioners or hot water heaters, purchase a \$25 white goods sticker (check or money order only) at DPW, One Franey Rd., or at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall, 93 Highland Ave.
- **TVs & Computer Monitors** - Schedule free curbside pickup in advance by calling 311.
- **Household Furniture** - Limited to two items per week curbside with regular trash.
- **Mattresses/Boxsprings** - Place curbside with regular trash.
- **Batteries** - Non-rechargeable household batteries such as A, AA, go in the trash. Dispose of rechargeable and button cell batteries on Household Hazardous Waste Days.

2014 TRASH, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE CALENDAR

April

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KEY

- H** Trash pickup is delayed by one day following a holiday
- HW** Household Hazardous Waste disposal days
- Yard Waste** pickup weeks

EVENTS

- Rain Barrel Event,** April 12
- Styrofoam Recycling Summer Event,** June 14
- Styrofoam Recycling Fall Event,** September 13
(see details on cover)

HOW TO DISPOSE OF YARD AND HAZARDOUS WASTE



- Seasonal Yard Waste Pickup** - Place curbside on your regular trash pickup day during highlighted weeks on the calendar. Store in paper bags or barrels marked with City-issued "Yard Waste Only" stickers. Cut bush and tree limbs into 3 ft x 3 ft bundles and tie with only string or twine. No plastic bags allowed! Call **311** for stickers or visit DPW or City Hall.
- Year-Round Yard Waste Dropoff** - At DPW with proof of residency, during normal business hours.
- Christmas Trees** - Place curbside with regular trash in December and January. Remove all decorations. Do not place in plastic bag.

HW Hazardous Waste Disposal

When and Where: Second Saturday of the month from April to November, 9 a.m. - 12 Noon at the DPW yard, One Franey Road.

- Open to City residents only: Please provide a utility bill or driver's license showing a Somerville address. No businesses or rental property owners are eligible.
- Accepted material at HHW days: Paints, thinners, cleaners, motor oil, antifreeze, mercury thermometers, car batteries, compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs, and rechargeable batteries.
- MATERIALS MAY NOT BE DROPPED OFF IN PLASTIC TRASH BAGS DUE TO POSSIBLE SPILLS / LEAKS.**

Questions? Call 311 (or 617-666-3311)



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**NEW
Recycling &
Yard Waste
Calendar
Inside!**

April

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NEW! Electronic Waste Drop-off Offered DAILY!

You can now recycle unwanted household electronics daily at the DPW at One Franey Rd. during normal business hours. Just bring proof of residency and you can drop off TVs, laptops, desktop computers with keyboards and monitors, phones, printers, copiers and scanners, projectors, audio and video equipment, cables, game consoles, toner or ink cartridges, and other household electronics. Appliances or old TVs and monitors with broken glass are **not accepted** as electronic waste (see inside for disposal instructions).

